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By *DJH* NLE Date *6/17/88*

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FOR NORSTAD AND WHEELER SIGNED FREEMAN.

Having noted the interest of Yakubovsky in meeting me as ~~expected~~ *expressed* to Von Pawel during this talk with CINGSGSG on 4 May, I took advantage of my meeting with Ambassador Dowling last Monday to discuss with him various aspects of this matter. The Ambassador believed, and I agreed, that a courtesy visit to Yakubovsky at his headquarters in Wuenendorf is desirable in light of possible future use of this channel and to preserve the post war links among the four Commanders-in-Chief. While it would not be advisable to be precipitous in broaching the subject with the CSFG, initial feelers might be put out at the end of this month or the beginning of the next with regard to a convenient time for such a meeting.

I would not at any meeting which might be arranged propose subjects of substance or use it as a vehicle for conducting specific items of business. I should be prepared, however, to discuss matters raised at Soviet initiative. I should not, furthermore, raise the subject of a return visit by Yakubovsky in light of difficulties involved in handling such a visit and the fact that he had not returned General Clarke's courtesy call of a year and a half ago. Should he propose visiting me, I can perceive much

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potential embarrassment for us and our West German hosts in attempting to arrange an appropriate site for such a meeting. It would appear, moreover, that much more is to be gained by me visiting the Soviet Zone than by our entertaining the Soviets in the West. Should Yakubovsky raise the subject of a return visit, however, I would of course have to be receptive, but I would suggest details be worked out by my liaison mission with SERB. This procedure would give time to consider how to handle the matter and to discuss it with the FRG.

The question of a courtesy visit to CINCSAF, of course, should depend on developments in our relationships with the Soviets in the next few weeks. However, with your concurrence, I will ask USNMR around June 1 to begin making arrangements with SERB should the atmosphere be favorable at that time.

I discussed this matter with USCOB and USBER on my recent visit and they concurred in the approach described above.

Having now received Von Pawel's report of his meeting of 11 May these views on the manner in which to handle this matter are reinforced in my opinion. There is, however, the pending matter of "normalizing" the relations between the Berlin Commandants. It appears to me Yakubovsky's expressed interests in this subject, as well as in meeting with me, may be intent to maneuver us out of the normal channel for the settlement of the problem. I believe, therefore, a settlement at the Commandant level should be a prerequisite for my initiating any action towards arranging a call on CINCSAF. Also since much is at stake in the present negotiations between the US and Soviet POLADS I believe this channel should be given further

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opportunity to arrive at a solution which leaves us in a better position regarding access to East Berlin than existed prior to time identification was demanded of the US POLAD. Should the negotiations on this subject not be fruitful within a reasonable time, say by the end of this month, consideration might be given to hinting through contacts that a solution of the Commandant problem would be a prerequisite to my call on Yakubovsky.

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